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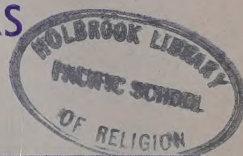


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Topics for June

CITIZENSHIP CONTEST WINNERS



DIVISION A



Richard M. Smith
Maryland
Second Award



Ellen L. Heacock
Colorado
First Award



Doris J. Teague
North Carolina
Third Award

DIVISION B



Walter A. Baker
Massachusetts
Second Award



Carolyn Arnold
Texas
First Award



Cormac H. Ryan
New York
Third Award

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Cover

Pictured are the highest winners in the sixth annual Christian Endeavor Citizenship Contest.

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From the Executive Secretary . . .

Why a Christian Citizenship Crusade?

Those who are in a position to know have revealed the startling information that in 1956 alone 42% of all crimes were committed by youth between the ages of 10 and 17; and, for every \$1 spent for religious work of any kind in 1956, there was spent \$12.50 on crime. Christian Endeavor's CHRIST SHALL REIGN program, emphasizing Evangelism, Citizenship and Leadership, directs young people to the need for a decision for Christ, for an acceptance of Him as personal Saviour, and a fully surrendered life. With Christ enthroned in the hearts of young people, there will be real Christian Citizenship in the home, in the community, in wholesome recreation, in interracial and international relationships, and in activities against social evils.

Contest Winners, We Salute You!

Our hearty congratulations to the young people who earned awards in the various phases of Christian Endeavor's Sixth Annual Citizenship Contest. Complete announcement of the winners is to be found in this issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. Awards will be presented to the winners at the 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland, July 8-13. High praise and appreciation to Citizenship Director and Educational Secretary Robert C. Ross, who is giving outstanding leadership and direction to this phase of Christian Endeavor's program, to state and provincial citizenship directors, and to the scores of judges who served so ably.

The Cost-For-A-Day Movement

In the last issue we told you of our great rejoicing in the response to the 1957 Membership Mobilization. Now will you give attention to the Cost-For-A-Day Movement, the other side of the coin? Conceived by the Finance Committee and authorized by the Executive Committee in our Diamond Jubilee Pilgrimage to Portland little more than a year ago, from meager beginnings the Cost-For-A-Day Movement has come of age. It takes \$200 each day to operate the ever-expanding ministry of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. One-half comes from Annual and Sustaining Memberships; we must raise an additional \$100 for each day. Last year seventy-one persons joined hands in the Cost-For-A-Day Movement, subscribing to one-half of the cost of operation for one hundred forty-two days. Some took a single day, some took five days, others took fifteen days, one took thirty days. You can see there is still some distance to go, but the Lord is blessing! Will you, as we stand in the early days of 1957, join others who will be subscribing for a day, a week, two or three weeks, a month of activity of Christian Endeavor International for \$100 a day? A specially engraved metal membership certificate is sent to those who participate in the Cost-For-A-Day Movement.

About Christian Endeavorers . . .

Clyde Boeddeker, of St. Louis, Missouri, president of Missouri Christian Endeavor, is rapidly recovering from a broken back suffered several weeks prior to Christmas . . . The H. Lewis Mathewsons, he of the International Society's Executive Committee, of San Francisco, are receiving congratulations and well wishes from Christian Endeavor friends on the arrival of daughter Donna Lee in their home . . . Christian Endeavorer Edna Anne Baughman, of Columbus, Ohio, an International Society Headquarters associate, has been tapped for the National Honor Society at South High School from which she was recently graduated.

Harold Westerhoff



Mary I. Beatty
Ohio
Great Lakes (A)



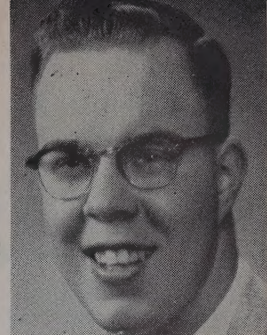
Emilee Hyde
Ontario
Canadian (A)



Elaine J. Kleyn
Iowa
Central (A)



Mary H. Manning
Texas
Southwestern (A)



Keith R. Maxwell
Washington
Pacific (A)

Youth who were runners-up in the finals are pictured with the designation of region in which they won top honors. Pictures of first three winners in each division appear on cover. State and provincial winners are shown on Page 5.

Winners in Citizenship Contest

42 Young People to Receive Albert H. Diebold Awards

Division A

(Youth in high school or below on February 4)

**First Award—\$200 and
Trip to International Convention
at Portland**

Ellen L. Heacock, *Denver, Colorado*

Second Award—\$100

Edward M. Smith, *Walkersville, Maryland*

Third Award—\$50

Ellen J. Teague, *Liberty, North Carolina*

Runners-Up in Finals—\$25 each

Mary I. Beatty, *Covington, Ohio*
Emilee Hyde, *Tiverton, Ontario, Canada*
Elaine J. Kleyn, *Rock Rapids, Iowa*
Mary H. Manning, *La Marque, Texas*
Keith R. Maxwell, *Dayton, Washington*

RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

To all state and provincial winners.
Names and pictures on Page 5.

Division B

(Youth out of high school but did not reach their 25th birthday by February 4)

**First Award—\$200 and
Trip to International Convention
at Portland**

Carolyn Arnold, *Dallas, Texas*

Second Award—\$100

Walter A. Baker, *Cambridge, Massachusetts*

Third Award—\$50

Cormac H. Ryan, *Yonkers, New York*

Runners-Up in Finals—\$25 each

Maynard DeBoer, *Primghar, Iowa*
Jean Ferguson, *Hamilton, Ontario, Canada*
Carol McDermott, *Peoria, Illinois*
Marilyn J. Neill, *Monmouth, Oregon*
C. Ellenor Potter, *Grover, Colorado*
Euphon Sumner, *Trinity, North Carolina*

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Turn to Page 4 of this issue of THE WORLD for the winning letters written by Ellen L. Heacock and Carolyn Ann Arnold.



Euphon Sumner
North Carolina
Southern (B)

Maynard DeBoer
Iowa
Central (B)

Jean Ferguson
Ontario
Canadian (B)

Carol McDermott
Illinois
Great Lakes (B)

Marilyn J. Neill
Oregon
Pacific (B)

C. Ellenor Potter
Colorado
Rocky Mountain (B)



I Speak for Christian Citizenship

The Albert H. Diebold Citizenship Awards for winners in Christian Endeavor's sixth annual Citizenship Contest will be presented on Wednesday evening, July 10, during the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland, Oregon. The emphasis of this session will be Christian citizenship, with Rev. Melvin M. Forney, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, bringing the message. Ellen L. Heacock and Carolyn Ann Arnold, top winners in the contest, will receive \$200 and a trip to the International Convention. Other awards and winners are listed on Pages 3 and 5.

The top award in Division A in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest went to Ellen L. Heacock of Denver, Colorado, on the basis of this letter and her record of citizenship activities. Ellen, who is 17 years old, is a junior at West High School, Denver, and is a member of Mountain View Community Reformed Church. She is secretary of Denver District Union and has held several state offices.

Dear Mr. Congressman:

Today's teen-agers are faced with many serious problems—problems such as communism, racial prejudices, juvenile delinquency, dope, and alcohol. The world is giving us these problems and demanding an answer to them from the teen-agers. We fully realize the seriousness of them. We acknowledge the fact that our lives are directly affected by them, whether they be international, national, or local problems.

Communism is one of the problems that concern not only teen-agers, but people everywhere. This is an especially big problem to Christians because the communists don't believe in God. The few that know Him are forbidden to worship Him. We are deeply humble that we live in a country that is willing to fight against such human oppression. We feel it is our obligation to God and mankind, not only to fight to free these people from communistic domination, but to share with them our wonderful message of peace and joy with Christ. With Christian love and perseverance we can make this a world filled with peace and the love of Christ.

We have another problem in the United States that is of major concern to most of us. This problem is racial segregation and prejudice. God is no respecter of race or color. Then why should we be? We are disobeying the command to "love one another" when we refuse to associate with people whose skin is a different color than ours, whose speech is accented, whose customs are different than ours. Love is the answer to this problem. When we have brotherly love for people of different races, we have an understanding of them and their problems. Instead of forcing them to accept our way of life we must make them feel welcome and wanted. We teen-agers have many opportunities each day to spread Christian love to both the new and old Americans of different races. With Christ's help we can all do our part to end racial strife.

Juvenile delinquency is a problem that has plagued people through all ages. It seems to have reached its height with our age. Why do so many young people use dope, drink alcohol, and smoke? Why do they destroy public and private property? And why do they steal? Poor home conditions, unbalanced emotions, and bad influences are the answers, say some people. The main cause of juvenile delinquency is a lack of Christ in the teen-ager's life. It is our responsibility to let Christ's light shine through us to them. We needn't shun these teen-agers because they have gone astray at one time. Instead we should befriend them and try to guide them in a straight path. We have a responsibility to show these teen-agers that they don't have to

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This letter was written by Carolyn Ann Arnold of Dallas, Texas, for Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest. She received the highest award in Division B on the basis of this letter and her citizenship activities. Carolyn is 21 years old, is a member of Lisbon Presbyterian Church, and is employed as a secretary. She has served in many positions in Christian Endeavor in the local society, district, and state unions.

Dear Mr. Congressman:

I, and every other young Christian, can be a powerful influence for Christian citizenship!

As young people we hold the future of our country, of world, in our hands. As *Christian* young people we can permit our country to become overridden with spiritual poverty and corrupt government! We *can* make this a land of Christ people and good government! To achieve this goal of Christian citizenship we must strive to make every Christian a good citizen and every citizen a Christian!

We have an obligation to work, speak and fight for what we believe to be right, and good for the people of our community. We have the privilege of voting for people who will look to us for guidance instead of depending on their power alone to make the important decisions they will encounter. It is our responsibility to see that all who are eligible to vote do so, participate in community activities, and live up to their civic responsibility.

Good government must be maintained in *all* communities: our country is to remain independent of communism, which threatens to take away our privileges as citizens—which threatens our freedom to worship God without fear of persecution.

It is up to you in your home and job, and me in my home and job, to do our utmost in keeping our country and its people free. Free not only in the sense of having liberties and being independent, but also free in that we are able to choose for ourselves what is right or what is wrong. Free from bad habits that make our hearts, minds, and bodies unfit places for our Lord and His teachings to dwell.

Youth must be informed about liquor and narcotics so that they will understand the harm that can be done to their bodies, which the Bible tells us are the temple of God, and the harm that can be done to their minds as well as in their hearts.

You and I must attempt to give young people a constant awareness of right and wrong so they will not become a victim of these degrading habits.

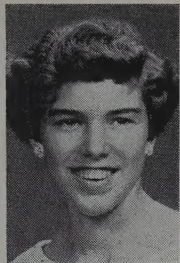
Also we should be concerned about gambling. We should speak to young people and make them realize that this is morally wrong, and that it can become as habit-forming as narcotics.

Christian citizens do not judge others, do not discriminate between races. Love, trust and respect are not shown people

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Sidney Crane
Alabama (A)



Grace E. Luther
California (A)



Anne Curtis
D. C. (A)



Charlene Murfin
Illinois (A)



Judy Hodges
Indiana (A)



Ruby L. Shuck
Kansas (A)

Citizenship Contest State Winners

Recognition Certificates Will Be Awarded to All
State Winners Whose Photographs Appear on This Page

A—indicates the youth is in the division
for those in high school or below on
February 4.

B—indicates the youth is in the division
for those out of high school but did
not reach their 25th birthday by Fe-
bruary 4.



Iva Dean Goosey
Kentucky (A)



Esther Huyser
Michigan (A)



Sunny Lu Peer
New Mexico (A)



Carol E. Gates
New York (A)



James Humphreys
Pennsylvania (A)



Claire Holcomb
South Carolina (A)



Connie Houston
Tennessee (A)



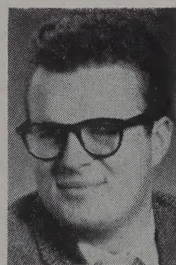
Nancy A. Pringle
Virginia (A)



Carole Crossland
West Virginia (A)



Gertrude Wright
Alabama (B)



David MacPherson
California (B)



James Spring
Maryland (B)



Wenda-Rae Leys
Michigan (B)



Jimmie Lou Maddox
Mississippi (B)



Helen Benedict
Missouri (B)



Barbara Anne Hykes
Ohio (B)



Jacob B. Cline
Pennsylvania (B)



Margaret E. Lamb
Virginia (B)



Deane Lou Williams
West Virginia (B)



SONG LEADERS CONFER—B. McClain Cochran (left), Pennsylvania field secretary, will lead singing at morning general assemblies. Convention singing at other sessions will be directed by Cecil A. Jeffery (right) of California, who is vice-president in charge of the Pacific Region.



PORTLAND CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETS—Members of the Portland Convention Committee meet with increasing frequency in order to make adequate plans for entertaining the convention delegates. Pictured are members of the committee at a recent meeting. At the head table are (left to right) Dorothy E. Howes, executive secretary, Oregon; Harold E. Westerhoff, executive secretary, International Society; Philip S. Hitchcock, general chairman, Portland Convention Committee; and Walter Frutiger, associate chairman; and Mrs. Walter Frutiger.

Portland Convention To Be "Tops"

Great plans are being made for the 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Portland, Oregon, July 8-13.

The convention begins on Monday evening, July 8, with President Earle W. Gates bringing the keynote message. Other evening speakers include Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president of the International Society; Rev. Melvin M. Forney, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance; Dr. Carlton C. Buck, minister of the First Christian Church, Fullerton, California; and Rev. Paul M. Nagano of Honolulu, Hawaii.

A huge fellowship banquet for all delegates will be held on Friday night in the Masonic Temple. The great closing session on Saturday night features Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

All major activities, except the banquet, will be centered in the spacious Public Auditorium in downtown Portland.

Housing for All

Housing has been arranged to meet the needs of every delegate. The very fine Heathman Hotels, near the Auditorium, will be headquarters.

Friends of Christian Endeavor are entertaining delegates in their homes at \$1.25 per night. Dormitory accommodations for young delegates and their counselors have been arranged for only \$1.50 per night, including bedding and breakfast.

Forms for hotel, home, and dormitory housing may be obtained from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Oregon Endeavorers should write to the Oregon Christian Endeavor Union, 303 Davis Building, Portland 4, Oregon.

Unions Win Registration Honors

For making the greatest gain during March toward their minimum registration goals, New York and Kentucky unions received awards of \$10 each. Pennsylvania and Golden Rule unions placed second, winning five free subscriptions to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

The next report deadline in the contest is April 30. A registration blank will be found on page 18.

Make Parade Plans Now

Unions are urged to make plans at once for floats and marching delegations in the convention parade, scheduled for 2:00 Saturday afternoon, July 13. Information about each unit and float must be sent by May 20 to the Parade Chairman, Mr. Richard Winchell, 12342 N.E. Knott, Portland 20, Oregon.

Fellowship Tour

The International Fellowship Tour will leave Philadelphia on July 3, traveling Portland by way of Banff and Lillooet, British Columbia and Seattle. After the convention the group will cruise to Victoria, then spend four days at Glacier National Park, returning Philadelphia July 21.

For an illustrated tour folder write the tour director, Mr. J. Allen Tucker, 1820 East Schiller Street, Philadelphia 34, Pennsylvania.

Delegates from Korea

Among the many interesting delegations planning for Portland is a group of Korean Endeavorers who will participate in the convention as part of a visit to the United States.



Rev. Ellis R. Shaw



Arch J. McQuilkin

CONVENTION LEADERS—Rev. Ellis R. Shaw, pastor of the Brooklyn Heights Presbyterian Church in San Diego, California, is scheduled to be the Quiet Hour speaker. Mr. Shaw is a former field secretary for the California Christian Endeavor Union. Arch J. McQuilkin of Pennsylvania, trustee of the International Society, will be the leader of the morning general assemblies. He is also the popular toastmaster for the convention banquet. Both Mr. Shaw and Mr. McQuilkin will lead conferences in addition to their assignments.

Come to Portland

Christian Endeavorers in Portland are looking forward to seeing a great number of delegates, from all over the country, at the coming convention. We know that everyone in attendance will receive a real spiritual blessing.

Here are a few high lights and points of interest: Mt. Hood, in the Cascade Range, lies about sixty miles to the east of Portland. Timberline Lodge with year-round skiing is situated on this lofty and beautiful mountain. To the west of Portland lies the coastal range and the mighty Pacific Ocean. Within the city limits of Portland are several wooded parks, and surrounding our city are giant stands of Douglas fir.

If you fly to Portland be sure not to miss the sight of Bonneville Dam and the Columbia River Gorge. If you drive be sure to enter Portland from the east so you won't miss this sight.

Sincerely,
Ted Pattee, President
Portland Christian
Endeavor Union

THE CHURCH vs. WAR

THE Church puts a high value on man, believing him to be a child of God. The Church says that every individual soul has a high valuation in God's providence.

War puts a low valuation on individuals. From the outset, it is assumed that war will abruptly end many human lives and will sacrifice the health and wholeness of many who survive. In modern war, who is a noncombatant? The more powerful and up-to-date the weapons (A-bomb, H-bomb, long-range missile), the less is the discrimination among fighting men, makers of munitions, women and children in the homes, Red Cross personnel, patients in hospitals. To eliminate an airfield, military power may "liquidate" homes, farms, churches, hospitals, schools, and uncounted numbers of noncombatants.

In a day when, to quote Belloc, "nation murders nation," the Church as trustee for humanity deepens its opposition to wars at might be prevented by honorable means.

HOW do wars start? (Compare these "reasons for war" with teachings of Jesus which might be regarded as applying to "all men"—that is, all the nations.)

1. "National destiny." A government may turn to war to seek: (a) more territory and resources, or (b) protection of trade routes and distant possessions, or (c) safer frontiers. (A more noble form of "national destiny" might lie in protecting a weaker people against an aggressor.)

2. "National honor and pride" ("Face"). For the U. S. to stay out of war after Pearl Harbor would have been practically unthinkable. But wars have threatened when an isolated incident in another land was taken as an insult to national honor. Such matters can be dealt with by negotiation—this would be the case if competent individuals or business competitors were involved. Is it the insult we propose to punish or do we resent the contempt which provoked it? War will not so much punish (or convince) the contemptuous as it will injure innocent persons and increase the world's content of suffering and hatred.

In the older concept of *nationalism*, a government was supposed to be jealous of such power as it had, suspicious of other nations' motives, and quite the opposite of "slow to anger." What changes does modern society expect in nationalism?

3. "Fear." The pressure on a people living in jeopardy and fear may lead to preventive war. Are such fears based on real peril or on "incidents" and propaganda?

4. "Diversion." A government weak at the core, threatened with unrest among its own people, may be tempted to lead them into war in an attempt to unify its forces.

Your discussion of these and related reasons for starting a war may include references to current issues and recent world events. Give thought also to "measures short of war" by which tensions are stimu-



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lated and actual warmaking encouraged. Compare such manifestations to the spirit expressed in the Church's Guide, the Bible: Matthew 25:31-46; Matthew 5:43-48; Romans 12:18-21; Titus 2:11-15.

SAYS Rufus Jones, the great Quaker humanitarian and teacher: "War is a fruit which grows and ripens like other fruit. No magic phrase, no written scrap of paper, will stop the ripening of it if the tree which bears it is planted and watered and kept in the sunshine and warm air. The axe must first be laid to the root of the tree. The old way of life must be abolished and a new way of life must be produced and made to flourish. . . . Resolutions will not be effective if all the selfish and unjust methods of life and business and social relations were left to work just as they are now working."

There are favorable trends in today's civilization, fostered by Christians and the Church, which we need to nourish and improve:

1: Freedom and justice are spreading once again. Our own people are striving to break down prejudice, assure education and opportunities for all, and uproot social and economic ills. We should insist that all North American companies doing business in other lands respect these objectives. Christian public opinion should be on the side of fairness to other nationals when our people employ and do business with them in other lands.

2. Friendly cooperation with other peoples is by no means limited to activities of the U. N. and of governments. Foreign missions is an inspiring "person-to-person" movement. Exchange of students, privately financed health projects, and some enlightened programs of private business increase knowledge, self-respect, and world friendship.

3. Organizations for peace, developed in the past three generations, accomplish much. Every nation needs such organizations, and the Church encourages this work.

4. The Church prays for peace, and this might well be a petition, supported by action to seek freedom and justice for all.

WITH YOUNG ADULTS

By Bert H. Davis

A Tribute . . .

To Loyal Endeavorers

"Believe it or not," but for more than 40 years I have been meeting regularly and year after year with Christian Endeavorers in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, and all the surrounding Christian Endeavor territory. These visits have been among the most memorable and the most happy experiences of my life. In those earliest days, and the beginnings were in 1908, Christian Endeavor's name in Cleveland was "The Sunrise Union." Only recently the banner presented at Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, by the Japanese Christian Endeavor Union more than 50 years ago was "discovered" at the International Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

These blessed Christian Endeavorers in northern Ohio have greatly honored me. Many years ago they gave my name to the Alumni or Old Timers organization and so it has continued Christian Endeavor generation after Christian Endeavor generation until now.

Always we meet for our annual reunion on Washington's birthday and only when I have been abroad during war days especially, have I not been present in person. This year again I was there! Again and again I have been indebted to these loyal Christian Endeavorers both young and older for their friendship and also for their contributions to Christian Endeavor at home and abroad. This year I was particularly happy when I found that they had made a contribution to the work of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union.

While always there are with me faces and names and special memorable occasions, to mention one or even many of these would be a seeming forgetfulness of others. But as I write these lines, I see and remember them all. And above individuals and days, there is a composite picture that is more beautiful than the proverbial "apples of gold in pictures of silver."

Samuel A. Phelps

C. E. Conferences And Conventions

MAY

- 3-4—General Baptists, Poplar Bluff, Missouri
- 3-5—Colorado, Estes Park
- 11—Massachusetts, Worcester
- 23-25—Kentucky, Louisville

JUNE

- 3-6—West Virginia, Buckhannon
- 7-9—Iowa, Pella
- 20-23—California, San Bernardino
- 20-23—Michigan, Holland
- 20-23—Texas, Dallas
- 22-29—Massachusetts, Northfield (Conference)
- 27-30—Illinois, Peoria
- 27-30—Ohio, Shelby
- 28-30—Armenian Union of California, Oakland



Slaves to Appetite

No. 1 in a Series: "Watch Your Step"

Hebrews 4:15,16

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

Our Aim

To make the Christian Endeavor biennial theme, "Christ Shall Reign," a part of my daily experience. To begin the day with Him and close the day with Him and glorify Him in all I do.

For the Leader

Today we begin a series of four topics on some very practical areas of the Christian life. As the leader of this meeting you have the first one, "Slaves to Appetite."

Prepare well by carefully studying the topic. Give assignments to others several days before the meeting. Guard against reading the entire topic. Prepare an outline to take with you to the meeting.

Publicity

Your publicity committee keeps Christian Endeavor before the church and community. Make a poster for the bulletin board within the church. Draw a picture of a man seated at a table surrounded with varieties of food and drink. Caption it, "A Modern Slave." Announce time and place of meeting.

Prepare a circular letter to be mailed to the members of your society and your prospects. Build the letter around two people having a conversation about slaves to appetite. Have a little humor in it and a strong punch line setting forth the highlights of your meeting.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Singspiration Time: Hymn 10, *I Would Be True*; 24, *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*; 43, *Rise Up, O Men of God**

Assigned Scripture Lesson, by _____

Prayer Time (requests for prayer)

Reading of Hymn 105 in unison. *Take My Life and Let It Be*.

Special Music

Offering and Announcements

Leader's Presentation

Speakers' Assignments

Life Problem

General Discussion, Questions and Answers

Meditation

Hymn 30, *Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name*

Prayer (leader or counselor)

Preparation for the Leader

Our topic is "Slaves to Appetite." When we think of appetite we naturally think about food. The hungry man craves for food. The intellectual man craves for books. The athletic man craves for sports. But Webster gives first definition as "an inherent

*Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from YOUTH HYMNS, published by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. Is there a way to tell when one is becoming a slave to his cravings? Overeating twice a week, two drinks per day—would this be a slave to appetite?

2. When do you think being a slave to an ambition is a sinful thing? Do you think it was wrong for the mother in the New Testament to wish that her sons might sit on the throne with Jesus?

3. How does one appropriate the grace of God to help in time of need? Prayer, Bible study, worship, and many moments of being alone with God, help greatly.

4. In what respects do you think the prodigal son, mentioned in the topic, was wrong?

5. Is it a sinful thing to make money? Where was the rich man in our topic wrong?

or habitual desire or propensity for some personal gratification, either of body or mind craving."

What are the cravings young people are facing today? Self-examination will reveal some of them. These cravings can be both good and bad. We must guard against becoming slaves to them. How can we find the proper balance? How can we know the way out? Where can we go for deliverance? We are not left in the dark. God shows us the way in the book of Hebrews 4:15,16.

Our Biblical reference tells us that Jesus Christ is our great High Priest. Though He is far above us, yet He is very kind and tenderly concerned for us. He was Himself tempted but without sin. He is able to sympathize with us. This text gives us great encouragement. When we come to that throne we shall find it to be a throne of grace where we can find help in the time of need.

First Speaker

From the book of Daniel 5:1-4 we see Belshazzar very gay, then all of a sudden very gloomy. He made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine before them. Historians tell us that Cyrus, who was now with his army besieging Babylon, knew of this feast, and presuming that they then would be off their guard, buried in sleep and wine, took opportunity to attack the city, and so with more ease make himself master of it. Here is a picture of slaves to appetite.

Bible Meditations

- M., May 27. Appetites and Worldliness. I John 2:16,17.
- T., May 28. Danger of the Appetite. Proverbs 23:20,21.
- W., May 29. Appetite at Enmity with Christ. Philippians 3:17-19.
- T., May 30. Jesus Conquers His Appetite. Matthew 4:2-4.
- F., May 31. Our Bodies—God's Temples. I Corinthians 6:19,20.
- S., June 1. Self-Control. I Corinthians 9:24-27.
- Sun., June 2. Topic—Slaves to Appetite. Hebrews 4:15,16.

Second Speaker

In Luke 15:12-24 we have a flash picture of a slave to pleasure. It's the old family story of the Prodigal Son. Family life became boring. The lure of the city had a very strong appeal. Perhaps the son had good intentions. Nevertheless he took a path that he had and journeyed into a far country and there wasted his substance in riotous living. Here you have strong cravings and none of them really satisfied. At the end of it left him hungry and famished. He was a slave to pleasure.

Third Speaker

If you want to see a slave to money read Luke 12:16-21. This rich man's ground had the blessing of God upon it. It brought forth plentifully. He had nowhere to store his crops. So he pulled down his barns and built greater ones. He said to his soul, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years, take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." Here was a blind slave. His hands were tainted with coin. His heart was full of money. He figured on years but God spoke of a night, "This night thy soul shall be required of thee." He was a slave to money.

Leader's Climax

It was Alexander who conquered the known world. On his death bed he said, "Leave my hands outside of my shroud that all men may see that, though conqueror of the world, I can take nothing with me." Alexander had not conquered self, and so self conquered him and made him bankrupt in God's book of account in making up the balance sheet of human life.

Life Problem

Jim had his first job since graduation. Unfortunately for him he was thrust into the circle of a group of men who were habitual drinkers, and heavy eaters. The first office party found him confronted with a new temptation. Should he indulge with others, eating and drinking, or should he refuse and be called a square? When one job is at stake what should he do?

Presentation of the Project

1. Plan a big meeting to welcome home members who have been away to college. They may have many ideas to share.
2. Invite a member of Alcoholics Anonymous to talk to your group. Ask him questions.

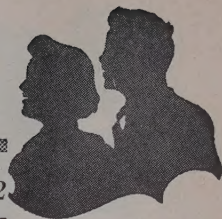
Illustration on the Topic

When a man, driving from the meadows and sings cheerfully upon his vast load of fragrant hay, how everyone, looking upon him, thinks of his happiness and content; but by and by, at an unlucky jolt down goes the wheel, and over goes the load, and the man is at the bottom with all the hay on him. If somebody does not extricate him he will be smothered. Just in that way slaves to inner cravings are in danger of being smothered.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Unworthy Ambitions

Mark 10:35-45



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JUNE 2

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

the Leader:

The topic as here presented is ready use. Just add four Endeavorers and your pastor or adult adviser, stir well, and cook wily until the boiling point is reached. Then serve.

The panel will present ideas for the whole group to digest. After the panel members discuss the subject ask the Endeavorers to contribute their ideas. At the end the leader should summarize the "discoveries" made by the group.

Poster Idea

Prepare a poster on colored cardboard, advertising your meeting. Using crayons or cut-out letters, use this message, "Calling you to Junior High C.E. — Learn Aboutorthy and Unworthy Ambitions." Cut out a magazine (or sketch it yourself) an time of a crusader of old.

Hymns for Worship

Appropriate hymns for your worship period are Hymn 8, *Be Thou My Vision*; 1, *Christ of the Upward Way*; 52, *Now in e Days of Youth*; 105, *Take My Life*, and et It Be.

Think Through the Scripture

The Scripture is the startling story of ananias and Sapphira. Here were two people who had the advantages of close fellowship with Christians and even with some of the apostles and other great spiritual leaders. Probably these two also had the advantage of first-hand knowledge of such miraculous demonstrations as occurred on the Day of Pentecost. Yet with all this close association with the church, Ananias and Sapphira thought they could get away with ingenuity and even with lying! They were failing under false colors. Here is an opportunity to strike a real blow at sin that often creeps into the life of the Christian and the Intermediate who is closely associated with Christian Endeavor and the life of the church.

Discuss why the disciples should want reference. Was their understanding of Jesus' teachings too limited? Are we too eager to make the most of our own lives without considering the other person?

What Are Unworthy Ambitions?

There are many things people strive for which are not worthy. They warp and contract and shrivel up the finer, nobler qualities of character. The mad chase for money, for pleasure, for power, for fame, or selfish purposes only disappoints in the end.

People seem to think that happiness lies in the possession of things outside themselves. There can be no greater fallacy than this. Happiness is only found within one's own heart.

Low Purposes

"It was not so long a time ago" when even older people used to think it was

OUR AIMS

1. To sense the value of high purposes in life.
2. To get the right definition for "ambition."
3. To see how the true Christian aims to "serve."

QUESTIONS

1. Why is a planned life better than an unplanned?
2. What helps us to form life purposes?
3. What is the advantage of having a purpose in life?
4. What are the dangers of drifting?
5. How can we develop persistence in purpose?
6. How can we make God's purposes our own?

perhaps a wise thing to let a boy "sow his wild oats." They used to say, "Well, he must learn by experience." But we have learned better today. Science has helped us to appreciate the awful truthfulness of Paul's words, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Consider the solemn awfulness and unchanging truthfulness of this law, "Like produces like." Wild oats sown can only bring forth a harvest of wild oats—this is stern, inviolable, inexorable law.

Remember this certain truth—in the days of your youth sow such seeds of conduct as will insure a golden ripe harvest of strong, Christlike character and service.

Worthwhile Life Purposes

1. *To live an all-around Christian life.* The Young Men's Christian Association symbolizes this all-around Christian life by the red triangle, the three-sided life—body, mind and spirit. Worthwhile purposes should seek to develop all three of these.

a. *Body.* It is well worthwhile for young men and women to purpose to take care of their bodies so that they may keep healthy and strong and efficient; to avoid all practices, appetites and habits that abuse and weaken the physical powers. The physically strong person is not only the more efficient but happier and more successful. Hence purpose to practice the gospel of health and preach it to others.

b. *Mind.* Every young person should strive to get all the education he possibly can. Most young people today can even acquire a college education if they are determined enough. But those who cannot go away to school should determine to

spend some of their leisure hours in solid reading. They should feed their minds upon literature, books and magazines that increase their general information and appreciation of the facts and forces that are at work in the world. Such reading will not only bring greater joy and zest into their lives, but will tend also to increase their efficiency and usefulness. Young people who fritter away their time in frivolous pleasures that require no brain work or mental effort will be mental weaklings and will never accomplish anything worthwhile.

c. *Soul.* Material success, where brawn and brain count, is worthless if it is not accompanied by increasing knowledge and by growing tenderness of heart. A person of strong physique and clear, keen brain may be a monster of selfishness and tyranny if his soul is not big enough and generous enough and tender enough to control all the other powers of personality. It is well worthwhile to form a fixed life purpose that "we will be satisfied with nothing except that which would please Christ." This is a principle not always easy to apply, but it is a principle which will take care of everything in the long run.

A soul, fully conscious of its obligations to God and to fellowmen, working through a well-trained and well-informed mind, housed in a strong, well-disciplined body, will accomplish a great life purpose and plan. Such a personality will achieve success that will honor God and bless humanity.

2. *Only those ambitions are good for us which are not evil for others.* God would not approve of our aiming at the injury of others or cherishing ambitions for ourselves which could only be gratified at the expense of others.

Professor Henry Drummond once made the following suggestions for finding out the will of God which are good to remember in thinking about forming worthwhile life purposes:

1. Pray.
2. Think.
3. Talk to wise people but do not regard their decisions as final.
4. Beware of the bias of your own will but don't be afraid of it.
5. When decision and action are necessary, go ahead.

David Livingstone's resolution made in young manhood is timely: "I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the kingdom of Christ. If anything I have will advance that kingdom, it shall be given up or kept, as keeping or giving it I shall most promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes both of time and eternity. May grace be given me to adhere to this."

Dr. Robert E. Speer adds the following suggestions: "No ambition is worthy which is inconsistent with the character of God. It is good accordingly to ask, 'How would this look if it and I were, as indeed we are, in God's presence?'"

Daily Readings

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| M., May 27. | Honor from Man vs. Honor from God. | John 5:40-44. |
| T., May 28. | Prominence vs. Service. | Luke 22:24-27. |
| W., May 29. | The Power of the Spirit. | Acts 8:18-24. |
| T., May 30. | The Church "Boss." | II John 9-11 |
| F., May 31. | A Big Fortune. | Luke 12:16-21. |
| S., June 1. | A Holy Ambition. | Philippians 3:13,14. |
| Sun., June 2. | Topic—Unworthy Ambitions.
Mark 10:35-45. | |



Price Tags on Behavior

No. 2 in a Series: "Watch Your Step"

Matthew 16:24-27; II Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 22:12

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

Our Aim

To be the Gospel reproduced in character and conduct that we might give a good witness for Jesus Christ and His Church.

For the Leader

1. Observe how the skillful advertising on alcoholic beverages plays on self-importance.

2. Why do athletic coaches forbid smoking and late hours for athletes in training?

3. After a thorough discussion of this topic see if you can come up with some fresh ideas to offset the social evils in your community.

Publicity

Have your publicity committee secure several pictures of industrial plants, homes, churches and schools. Caption each picture accordingly, "Something more than horsepower is needed for the future." List the time and place of meeting, the topic and the leader.

Send out special invitations to all in your church who were married in June. These are your special guests.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Quiet Music

Call to Worship: "May the grace of Christ, our Saviour, and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above."

Hymn 124, *Stand Up for Jesus*

Scriptures: Matthew 16:24-27; II Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 22:12

Prayer

Leader's Presentation

Speakers' Participation

Discussion Period (questions and answers)

Life Problem

Offering and Announcements

Hymn 119, *Where He Leads Me*

Benediction and Parting Thought: "All for Jesus, can I give it? Can I pay so great a price? Can I make the full surrender of a consecrated life?"

Preparation for the Leader

This is the second in a series of four topics on some very practical areas of the Christian life.

We are told that behavior is a way of acting. We refer to the actions of people as good or bad. This topic emphasizes that there is a price tag on behavior. All of us know we are born little bundles of desire. The infant reaches out for anything that catches his fancy, and his fancy changes with almost every fleeting moment. If it does not outgrow that impulsiveness, he remains childish. Some impulses must be curbed, others cultivated. Impulsive living leaves the heart empty.

We cannot toss our sins aside and forget them because in doing so we keep on sinning. Moral failure cannot be healed easily. When a person has disobeyed his conscience, betrayed his ideals, tarnished his character, or trespassed against others, these sins look worse instead of better when

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. "Everybody does it, and the majority is always right." Does this hold true? Were they right when they laughed at Fulton who proposed to sail a boat by steam power? When they laughed at Alexander Graham Bell who said you could speak over a wire to people a hundred miles away?

2. Is it true that the Christian can have no fun? Is it not true that we are free to enjoy life at its fullest when we decide for Jesus Christ?

3. To be a good citizen we must begin in the home. One of our top enemies is the liquor traffic. What can we do as members of the Christian Endeavor movement to combat this evil?

4. How can the idea of Christ reigning in me help me in the time of decision between good and evil? Does a Christian ever make a wrong decision?

5. What can you add to this idea, "There is a price tag on behavior."

brought to light. The hope of cure lies in making them look so bad that the sinner turns from them in abhorrence and disgust.

There is a price tag on behavior. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" v. 26. Paul wrote, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Corinthians 5:10). Jesus said, "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." (Revelation 22:12)

Spinoza, the philosopher, living in Holland, kept grinding lenses for a living while he pondered this great thought that God was in His world. Louis XIV of France offered him a pension and patronage if he would dedicate even one book to his majesty, but Spinoza did not approve of Louis XIV and would not prostitute his talent by using it to exalt unworthiness, no matter what the reward. Spinoza discovered there was a price tag on behavior.

First Speaker

We read of Daniel, the Jewish captive in Babylon, who knew there was a price tag on behavior. The king, Nebuchadnezzar, wanted him to eat of his meat and drink

of his wine. "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank." Daniel was firm in his religion. They had changed his name but they could not change his nature. He refused to partake of the king's offer, out of sullenness or peevishness or a spirit of contradiction, but from a principle of conscience.

Christian Endeavor insists that the Christian's duty is to set a good example as citizen. When we carefully think through our theme, "Christ Shall Reign," we understand He reigns in the community when the principles of Christ become the guiding precepts of community activities.

Second Speaker

Achan, of the tribe of Judah whose story is recorded in Joshua 7, knew that there was a price tag on behavior. He confessed his sin before Jehovah and Joshua and said, "Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus have done." He took a Babylonish garment, 200 shekels of silver and a wedge of gold, and hid them in the earth. His doings did not please God for we read, "And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? The Lord shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burnt them with fire. That was a high price to pay for his behavior."

Third Speaker

Demas, in II Timothy 4:10, also found there was a price tag on behavior. He was associated with Paul in the work of the ministry, but he forsook the apostle because of his strong love for the world. His fidelity to Christ and His Gospel was forsaken and forgotten. Love of the present world is often the cause of apostasy from the truths and ways of Jesus Christ. We are admonished by John, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. For any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Leader's Climax

We believe Christ shall reign through leadership, especially in personal growth. Our observance of the Quiet Hour will enable us to grow Godward. We have no lost time when we have spent many moments in His presence. God wants all of us now and always.

Life Problem

Ruth refused to be a Christian because she reasoned when one accepted Jesus Christ that was the end of having fun. She was determined to have fun and then when she advanced in years she would become a Christian. Is it honorable to give the best years of our life to the devil and then bring the rest to Christ?

Presentation of the Project

This is a good time to make preparation to send some of your Christian Endeavor members to your Christian Endeavor conventions or camps. Propose some plan now to raise money to meet this expense.

From the Bible

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| M., June 3. | Rewards according to Work. | I Corinthians 3:7-9. |
| T., June 4. | Harvest according to Sowing. | II Corinthians 9:6-8. |
| W., June 5. | Blessings in Proportion to Sacrifice. | Luke 18:28-30. |
| T., June 6. | Reward for Faithfulness. | Matthew 25:20,21,24-29. |
| F., June 7. | Harvest Is Sure. | Galatians 6:7,8. |
| S., June 8. | Challenge to Holiness. | I Peter 1:17-19. |
| Sun., June 9. | Topic—Price Tags on Behavior. | Matthew 16:24-27; II Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 22:12. |

Making and Keeping Friends

Deuteronomy 10:17-19a; Proverbs 18:24; John 15:13-15



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JUNE 9

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Campfire Program

Build a "campfire" out of red crepe paper and sticks crossed to represent logs with a light inside, and have those on the program sit on the floor by the fire with lights turned off except the one representing the fire. Have seats so placed that all can get a good view of those taking part. Let the group represent an informal gathering of young people. Different ones come in at intervals. Conversation varies, adding up to the subject. One of the group may ask a question which incorporates the topic. The topic material should be presented in an informal, conversational style.

Program Helps

Hugh Black has written a fine essay on friendship from which you may quote. Emerson's essay has been quoted often, but you can still find in it many gems of thought which will add luster to your meeting. John Oxenham's beautiful poem, "Come, Share the Road With Me," can be read or can be sung as a special chorus or solo number, using the music to which it has been set in *Singing Pathways* by Dickie.

If you have opportunity to prepare a brief dramatization for the meeting you can choose one of the little sketches in *Friends of Jesus* by Lydia Glover Deseo.

Appropriate hymns would be Hymn 10, *Would Be True*; 69, *An Evening Prayer*; 9, *Love Divine*.

Prayer: Before calling for the evening prayer, the leader may offer the following suggestions to be included in the prayer.

1. Thankfulness for our friends.
2. Thankfulness for Jesus Christ, the great friend of all.
3. God's guidance in choosing our life's friends and companions.
4. God's help in being the right kind of friend.

Poster Idea

Either draw or clip from a magazine a picture of youthful friends in a clean-cut pose. Paste this to one side of a sheet of cardboard. Letter in these words, "Do You Make and Keep Friends? Talk It Over Tonight at Christian Endeavor,"—P.M."

Wanted: Friends

We do not often think of John Quincy Adams, sixth president of the United States, as a writer of verses. Certainly we cannot call his little jingles poetry! But we can admire for its idea, if not its rhythm, the little verse which he wrote about his wish for a friend. Here it is:

I want a warm and faithful friend
To cheer the adverse hour,
Who ne'er to flatter will descend
Nor bend the knee to power.
A friend to chide me when I'm wrong,
My inmost soul to see;
And that my friendship prove as strong
To him, as his to me.

OUR AIMS

1. To note the value of friendship.
2. To understand the demands of friendship.
3. To widen our scope of friendship.

QUESTIONS

1. What qualities which make friendship fine are shown in the friendship of Jesus for His disciples? (See Matthew 26:50; Matthew 28:20; Mark 8:33; John 15:13.)
2. What did Jesus require of His friends? (See John 13:1-5, 12-15.)
3. Where should we seek our friends?
4. What are some difficulties in the way of making our friendships Christian?
5. If contact with our friends is likely to influence our character should we choose as friends only those whom we know to be good?
6. What is the difference between having a friend and being a friend?
7. What are some of the ways of keeping a friendship alive?
8. What are some ways of killing it?
9. How far should we go in forming really intimate friendships with people of other nationalities, other races?

To Be a Friend

Unselfishness is the foundation of friendship. If you seek friends not for what they can give you—social advantages, business opportunities—but because you want to share with them the joys of sincere friendship, you will not only find friends but you will keep them.

You must be willing to put your friend first. Oscar Wilde once said: "Anyone can sympathize with the sufferings of a friend, but it requires a very fine nature to sympathize with a friend's success!" Many young people find it very hard to refrain from envy and jealousy when a friend's achievements outstrip their own. Envy and jealousy, of course, will kill any friendship.

True friends never keep strict account of favors received and given. They don't feel that "I must invite Kathleen to dinner because she invited me to her house and I've never returned the invitation," or "I must get an expensive tie for Jim's Christmas present. He gave me a very valuable birthday gift."

If you want to be a good friend you must overcome all traces of self-consciousness. You must be more concerned to cure the faults you know you possess than you are about being criticized by others. You

won't have your feelings hurt when others laugh at your blunders. You will be the first to laugh at yourself! Nor will you worry because one of your features is less than perfect. Cyrano de Bergerac fought a thousand duels, it is said, because people laughed at his big nose. Jimmy Durante laughed at his own "schnozzle" and followed his nose to fortune. Surely Jimmy Durante's way was the wiser.

To be a good friend you must try to understand others. When they are less pleasant than usual, ask yourself if they are ill or in trouble. Don't assume at once that they are feeling unfriendly toward you. Often a person who seems very queer when you first meet him will turn out to be one of your best friends. Try to see beneath the surface peculiarities to the real person, often a wonderfully worthwhile friend.

Jesus as a Friend

List all of the experiences you can recall which make it easy to think of Jesus as the highest type of a friend. What qualities of Christian friendship do these experiences present to guide us today? Here are just a few suggestions to start you thinking:

1. Jesus sought friends. He called twelve men to be with Him constantly. His experience and ours prove that every person needs friendship.

2. Jesus loved His friends. Not even misunderstanding and desertion could separate them permanently (John 13:1). Trifles have broken friendships of others.

3. Jesus was called the "friend of publicans and sinners" by His enemies, thus recognized as friend of all by all who came close to Him. Race, employment, social class, or economic standing made no difference. Friendship which is Christlike can know no barriers of caste or class.

4. Friendliness glows through every act and word of the life of Jesus. He loved little children. He sought pleasant refuge in the home at Bethany. He was the friend of the sick, the hungry, the afflicted, the bereaved. How did He show His friendship to individuals?

Conclusion

We can see that a young person without friendships is like a lamp that is unlit. There it is, but no one can find use for it! But switch on the light, and it glows and becomes the center of the room where it stands. Thus a life enriched with friendships sees all natural things quite new. Friendship in the life of an individual stimulates, comforts, and enriches him.

He who has a thousand friends
Has not a friend to spare;
But he who has one enemy
Shall meet him everywhere.
No young man or woman can hope to please everybody. And who wants a friend without convictions of his or her own? Polonius was right when he advised Hamlet, To thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.



Daily Bible Lessons



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| M., June 3. | The Royal Law. | James 2:8,9. |
| T., June 4. | The Service of Love. | Galatians 5:13,14. |
| W., June 5. | Keep Old Friends. | Proverbs 27:9,10. |
| T., June 6. | Helpfulness of Friends. | Ecclesiastes 4:9,10. |
| F., June 7. | True Friends: Jonathan and David. | I Samuel 18:1,3. |
| S., June 8. | True Friends: Elijah and Elisha. | II Kings 2:2-12. |
| Sun., June 9. | Topic—Making and Keeping Friends. | Deuteronomy 10:17-19a; Proverbs 18:24; John 15:13-15. |



I Can Get Away with It

No. 3 in a Series: "Watch Your Step"

Acts 5:1-11

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE 1961

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

Our Aim

To cease living in known sin and to find in Christ each day our rich portion for victorious living.

For the Leader

This would be a good time for you as a leader to think about the Christian Endeavor Covenant or Pledge. Perhaps your society has one hanging on the wall in your meeting room. Here are seven great thoughts to consider:

1. It is a positive agreement with Jesus Christ. Two persons are involved, you and your Lord.

2. It is a definite way of doing things. All of this will help you to remain strong in your Christian life.

3. It is something that must be a part of your everyday life. The words in the Pledge must turn into action, spirit and life.

4. You should have no fear in signing such a Covenant but a strong desire to keep it after signing it.

5. Here you find the essential elements for successful Christian living.

6. Repeat it often. "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him."

7. The Christian Endeavor society that adheres to it will move forward for Christ and the Church.

Publicity

Search through your newspapers and magazines for pictures of people who became involved in trouble with the law. Use these on posters with this caption: "THEY DIDN'T GET AWAY WITH IT!" Don't forget the time, place of meeting, leader and topic.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Call to Worship

Hymn 89, *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*

Scripture Reading: Acts 5:1-11

Hymn 80, *Follow, I Will Follow Thee*

Prayers: 1. Pray for the church and her program. 2. For the pastor and people.

3. For those who work with the young within the church. 4. For Christian Endeavor leaders world-wide. 5. For our representatives at Christian Endeavor headquarters, Columbus, Ohio

Offering and Announcements

Quiet Music

Hymn 46, *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Leader's Talk

Speakers' Presentations

Life Problem

Discussion on Questions

Hymn 24, *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Prayer of Dismissal

Preparation for the Leader

We focus our attention on the third topic in a series of four on some very practical areas of the Christian life.

The ancient mariners needed the North Star. The builders of our modern day homes

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. On the surface doesn't it appear that some people do "get away with it"? Tell what you know about conscience funds and confession of crimes years after they were done.

2. What has really happened to people when they say, "I can get away with it!" Is this not an indication they have become hardened through the years?

3. Can you mention any Bible characters whose deeds would imply they thought they could get away with it? How about Judas Iscariot?

4. Which one shall it be, "I shall let my conscience be my guide," or "I shall let Christ and the Word through the Holy Spirit be my guide"? Conscience is not infallible in making a choice; choosing is not the mission of conscience.

5. What have I gained even though I do get away with it here? "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

could not get along without their plans. The air pilot needs his charts. The railroad engineer needs his signals, and we today need a purpose.

Most of us know that life is not worth a nickel without a purpose. To whom shall we go? Shall we choose the top people who have reached their goal? But the truth is that the noblest have failed. They are human just as we are; they make mistakes and fail to avoid pitfalls. If we want to live on a higher plane, we must move out of the area where people say, "Go ahead, you can get away with it. Have fun, you're too young to waste your life on religion." We need someone more than human if we would be guided to life's goal.

Abraham didn't get away with it. Do you know the story? Read it in Genesis 12:10-20. He wanted Sarai, his wife, to pose as his sister. But he didn't get away with it. The Lord sent great plagues to Pharaoh's house because of Sarai, Abraham's wife. He tried the same plan in Gerar, (Genesis 20) but still he didn't get away with it.

Moses didn't get away with it. Read the account in Exodus 2:11-14. He spied an Egyptian smiting a Hebrew, one of his brethren. When he saw no one looking he slew the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. Later he saw two Hebrews striving together and he said to him that did the wrong, "Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?" The

Hebrew answered, "Who made thee prince over us? Intendest thou to kill me, as thou killest the Egyptian?" Moses saw that his sin was known. "Be sure your sin will find you out" is the truth of the Word of God.

First Speaker

There is nothing better than the exercise of common sense. Common sense would tell us that God is not to be trifled with. His rewards as well as His punishments are sure. Evil results surely follow social wrong. Evil sowing will bring evil reaping. This is seen in the present result of certain sins. Sins of lust bring disease into the bodily frame. Sins of idolatry have led men to cruel and degrading practices. Sins of temper have caused murders, wars, strife, and misery. Sins of appetite, especially drunkenness cause want, misery, and delirium. What we sow we reap. We don't get away with it.

Second Speaker

It is sad to be deceived in a friend, our state of health, our means, but these are not beyond remedy. To be deceived about the soul's condition is irreparable. There are no secrets on earth to God. When we sow the flesh we are sure to reap a harvest of corruption unless we cease living in sin. When we choose our own course we reap our own harvest. We cannot blame God when sin pays its wages. We cannot hide from God and we cannot hide from ourselves. Truly we don't get away with anything. Whatever we do we are present when it happens.

Third Speaker

Young people must never forget that God cannot be mocked. We can't get away with counterfeit piety. We don't get away with idle resolutions. A single error or sin of youth may overspread our whole life with misery, and a life spent in impenitence here will be followed by an eternity of regret hereafter. However, if we sow to the Spirit we shall reap everlasting life. Even a drop of water given in the Master's name has its own reward.

Leader's Summary

We as members of Christian Endeavor must guard against sin. We must not allow our thinking to get out of control. To say that we can get away with it is indeed false reasoning. Let's live in the light as He is in the light and then we shall have unquestioned fellowship with our blessed Lord.

Life Problem

"I know some people who never got caught," said Bill, as he sought to explain his reasons for careless living. "I'll take my chance with the rest of them." How far was he right? How would we advise Bill?

Presentation of the Project

Plan for at least three nights of special Bible study when the teacher will deal with sin, how it affects us now and hereafter. At the end of this will help us realize that "the just shall live by faith."

Bible Portions

M., June 10.	Judgment Certain.	Hebrews 2:1-3.
T., June 11.	Coming Judgment.	I Peter 4:15-18.
W., June 12.	Judgment Will Be Sudden.	II Peter 3:8-11.
T., June 13.	Slaves by Our Actions.	Romans 6:12,16.
F., June 14.	Spiritual Death.	Ezekiel 18:4,24.
S., June 15.	Repentance Necessary.	Luke 13:1-3.
Sun., June 16.	Topic—I Can Get Away with It.	Acts 5:1-11.

Getting Along with Your Family

Matthew 7:7-12; Ephesians 6:1-4



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JUNE 16

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Mid Guest Day

Plan ahead and make this Guest Day with parents as guests. At the close of the regular lesson study ask the minister to conduct a group discussion in which all may participate. The purpose of this should be frank attempt to determine how parents and young people can get together and work "on the same team." *The Family Pleasure Chest*, by Eisenberg, has excellent suggestions for such an evening. Ask Intermediates to present original reports of family projects that they may have carried out from time to time in their own families.

Our Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude—Medley of Hymns
Song 21, *Faith of Our Fathers*
Scripture—Ephesians 5:25-33; 6:1-4.
Song 40, *Living for Jesus*
Prayer—By a young man and a young woman
Reading—"Home" by Edgar A. Guest
Special Song—*My Home, Sweet Home*
Lesson Topic
Discussion
Closing Song 50, *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*
Benediction

Poster Idea

Clip from a home magazine an appealing picture of a family grouping. Paste this in the center and use the wording, "How do You Get Along With Your Family?" Ring Dad and Mother to Christian Endeavor Tonight."

Fun with a Chalkboard

Choose from the following statements and make some of your own and have the group list suggestions on the chalkboard. Evaluate the list and cross off petty or unimportant ones. Number the serious ones. Have them copied. Erase the board and start with number one. Are there two viewpoints on this? There usually are. List in two columns as the group responds, encouraging fair discussion. Then take number two, etc. This will be interesting because the needs of your own group provide your program material. It will be enlightening because you will see two sides where you only saw one. It will be helpful, for you will do something about it.

What I like best about my home.

What I like least about my home.

What causes the most trouble (tensions) in my home?

What does my mother (father) do that bothers me most?

What could I do to brighten our home?

Our Responsibilities

Now make a list of the responsibilities we have to our homes. What would we put first? What second and what third, etc? When you complete the list, then look at the responsibilities of one young person selected at random.

OUR AIMS

1. To see that the home offers a unique training ground for Christian youth in religion.
2. To discover our part in making our home more Christian.
3. To note practical things we can do to make family life fun.

QUESTIONS

1. Do you think parents should force youth to obey? Give reasons for your answer.
2. Do you believe it is possible to keep the Golden Rule in the home?
3. Should a Christian young person be responsible for offering grace at the table when his parents are not Christians?
4. Should the Christian young person establish a family altar if his parents give their consent?
5. What amusements in the home are in harmony with high Christian ideals?
6. What should the Christian young person do whose parents forbid regular attendance at the church services?
7. Should a young person tithe his income if it is against his parents' wishes?
8. Can you suggest a general rule to follow in solving the various problems of Christian homes?

I feel this to be my responsibility to my home:

1. To make my parents proud of me.
2. To be an honor to my home.
3. To make the most of my life.
4. To share the burdens my parents bear.
5. To enrich them in some measure as they have enriched me.
6. To help beautify the home.
7. To help my parents enjoy some of the things that they have made it possible for me to enjoy.
8. To take the following responsibilities around the house: take care of my own room; clean the basement; clean the garage; carry out the ashes and shine all the shoes of the household.

Living Creatively at Home

Anything which tends to make life more rich and meaningful, or the relationship within the family circle more wholesome, is creative living.

Think of the Whittier family circle, so beautifully portrayed in John Greenleaf Whittier's poem, "Snowbound." The whole family, including two guests that stormy night, gathered around the fireplace, while

the older members entertained with stories of their youth, of fishing and hunting trips, of parties, of Indian visits. Each one contributed something of interest and the children enjoyed it thoroughly.

Or in the book, *Little Women*, by Louisa M. Alcott, the illustration of the mother and her daughters sharing their food and their time to care for a needy family.

It is not only in literature that we may find examples of families who lived together creatively. They are all around us. When once the idea of doing things together has gripped us, we'll be surprised at the many opportunities we'll find for putting our ideal into practice.

A Family Council

Sell your parents on the idea of a family council, to be held twice a month, perhaps after dinner (it can be combined with family night, if you have supper half an hour early). Have Dad or Mother preside until things get started, and then have the parents and older children take turns being the presiding officer. Let one of the children keep minutes in a book set apart for the purpose. You may want to conduct the council like a Quaker business meeting: begin with a few minutes of silent worship, the minutes will represent the sense of the meeting, and instead of voting you will find your way to a cooperative solution of the problems that come up. Others will want to thrash things out and then vote, following regular parliamentary procedure.

What sort of things will you decide in the council? Anything that affects the welfare of the family as a whole should be dealt with there. How should the work of the family be divided? What can be done to relieve Mother of some of the work? What should the family budget be? What is the best recreation for the family? What is the hour at which the younger generation should be expected home after a date? What are the rules about the use of the car? How much regulation should there be of the use of the radio or the television set?

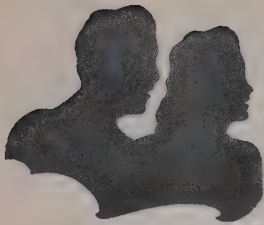
Worship Helps Us

Worship should not be just a Sunday experience. There should be a time every day when the whole family gathers together to read the Bible, to sing religious music, to join in silent or vocal prayer, and to be quiet for a time to feel the presence of God. If each member of the family in turn takes the responsibility for the period of worship, there will be a much greater interest in it and a far deeper sense of responsibility for its success. The family council is the place to consider such practical matters as the hour, the best place to meet, and the division of responsibility for the leadership.

The planning of worship services for special days like birthdays or before a member of the family goes on a trip or on special holidays is very worthwhile. What other suggestions do you have for making the home more Christian?

From the Book of Books

- M., June 10. A Cooperative Family Rule. Exodus 20:12.
T., June 11. A Place to Witness. Mark 5:17-20.
W., June 12. Counsel to Young Women. Titus 2:4-5.
T., June 13. Forgiving Wrongs by One's Family. Genesis 45:1-15.
F., June 14. A Christian Home. I Timothy 1:5-8.
S., June 15. Advice to the Family. Colossians 3:17-24.
Sun., June 16. Topic—Getting Along with Your Family. Matthew 7:7-12; Ephesians 6:1-4.



Saying "Yes" and Living "No"

No. 4 in a Series: "Watch Your Step"

James 1:6-8; James 4:8

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

Our Aim

To so saturate our lives with the Word of God each day that we may be strong in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

For the Leader

Check the publicity committee in an endeavor to keep the meeting before your members and prospects. Call the chairman of the lookout committee to see what can be done to reach the delinquents and try to interest them for this special night. Your music committee ought to come up with some special that will be attractive. Be sure nothing has been overlooked. Make it a point to start the meeting on time.

Publicity

Mail out cards to your members and prospective members stressing the importance of this meeting. Cut out pictures of men and women and paste two on one card, one on the left, the other on the right. Under the one write, "Mr. Yes"; under the other, "Mr. No." In large print write, "Do 'Mr. Yes' and 'Mr. No' live successfully together? Hear about it-date-time-place."

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Singspiration Time: Hymn 2, *Give of Your Best to the Master*; 10, *I Would Be True*; 24, *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
Scripture Reading: James 1:6-8; 4:8
Hymn 49, *Near to the Heart of God*
Prayers (assigned)
Offering and Announcements
Leader's Talk
First, Second, and Third Speaker
The Life Problem
Questions and Answers
Closing Hymn 51, *A Hymn of Youth*
Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

Tonight we consider the final topic in a series of four.

Someone has wisely said, "There is nothing of which men are so fond, and withal so careless, as life." This being of mine consists of a little flesh, a little breath, and the ruling reason. We ought to so live day by day that our autograph will be wanted and not our fingerprints. It was Rev. Joseph Fort Newton who said, "To live well we must have a faith fit to live by, a self fit to live with, and a work fit to live for."

In our Scripture lesson James speaks of the double-minded person. We speak of people who live double lives as people who say "Yes" and live "No." Some people have a high standard of living for others but a low standard for themselves. They have low aims. It's hard to live on a high plane with low aims and purposes. If we are to keep our heads clear, our hearts clean, and our bodies secure, we must live above certain danger zones. High tastes preserve us from the lure of the vulgar, the clamor of

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. How can we as a Christian Endeavor society give help to double-minded souls? How should we teach them so they no longer would say "Yes" and live "No"?
2. In what way does the Quiet Hour help us to live a positive Christian life?
3. Since Christ is to reign through evangelism, how eager should we be to share with our friends our personal Christian experience? How shall we go about this? Where should we begin?
4. Why do people say "Yes" and live "No"? Is it a weakness within Christianity? Or do we set our aims too low? How can we be overcomers?
5. In what way has your Christian Endeavor society helped you to live a positive Christian life?

the cheap, and the baubles of Vanity Fair.

The double-minded man is inconsistent; he is changeable; he has a desire to serve God and be saved, but he has at the same time a desire also to satisfy his lusts; he would be eternally happy in the next world, but he would not quit the sensual pleasures of this; he is godly by fits and by intervals, but he is not so uniformly and uninteruptedly; his religion has its flows and its ebbs, its rises and its falls; now it grows, and presently again it decays.

Such a man is unsettled, "unstable in all his ways." His opinions are fluctuating and so are his sentiments. Sometimes he is repenting of his sins and sometimes he is repenting of his repentance. Sometimes the importance of the future overwhelms him and sometimes he feels that nothing is worth thinking of but the present. While he is looking one way his soul has gone another. He is untrustworthy in every department of life. He is saying "Yes" and living "No."

We can also be guilty of this very thing. How many times we deny Him. We fail to give a good witness. Our lives should be constantly saying "Yes" to the will of God and "No" to everything that would mar our fellowship with God.

First Speaker

A steadfast person has a reason for his convictions. The soldiers of King Charles I said of George Fox, the founder of the Quakers, that he was "stiff as a tree and pure as a bell." What a tribute from a man's enemies. Fox could not be bent. In prison

and after prison he was beaten and bruised but he held to his convictions, illumined by an inner light which so shone before men that many came to see his good work. Goodness can be as contagious as badness.

Second Speaker

We as members of the Christian Endeavor movement firmly believe in evangelism. Christian Endeavor rightly emphasizes Bible reading, prayer, and testimony as the means for the development of the spiritual life. It rightly regards the Christian life to be more than an inward experience. It regards the spiritual life of the soul as a resource and fountain-head for the outward or practical Christian life. Every day we should say "Yes" for Christ and His Church. Our life should be a rebuke to evil.

Third Speaker

Christian Endeavor aims at developing the converts and the young people of the church into men and women of faith and vision. The Christian Endeavor daily readings are not given for the mere purpose of supplying Bible information, but that members of the Christian Endeavor movement would read the Bible as devotional reading and studies, that the individual might glean that which could prove spiritual food to the soul, thus producing a strong type Christian. The one who lives a positive Christian life is not double-minded.

Leader's Climax

God is vitally interested in the personal growth of His children in the spiritual life. The divine ideal is "Be filled with the Spirit." For what a man is in his soul will determine his lines of life service. Let's be Christ's "yes" men and women.

Life Problem

Mrs. Van Smith, a leader of New York society, testifies in the advertising pages of the magazines to the wonderful effect of Kool Cream on her skin. The lady, as a matter of fact, has never used the stuff (except perhaps the trial jar) but she got \$1,000 for the advertisement and she turned the money over to her pet charity. Perfect all right? She thinks it is. What do you think?

Presentation of the Project

Put on a drive to enlist new members for the Quiet Hour and the Tenth Legion. Try to have every member in your society sign up. It will make a difference.

Illustration on the Topic

An officer of a Japanese liner was listening to an American companion talking about the Christian faith. With pathetic interest he broke into the talk with the abrupt question "But is there power to make a man live it? Happily he learned about the One who died and lives and gives power to live it. The Gospel is indeed the power of God unto salvation.

Scripture Readings

- M., June 17. Christianity Exclusive. I Corinthians 10:20, 21.
T., June 18. Two Masters Impossible. Luke 16:13.
W., June 19. Double-Mindedness Causes Disobedience. II Kings 17:38-41.
T., June 20. Double-Mindedness Brings Rejection. Zephaniah 1:4-7.
F., June 21. Worse than Saying "No" and Living "Yes." Matthew 21:28-31.
S., June 22. Reveals False Confession. I John 2:18, 19.
Sun., June 23. Topic—Saying "Yes" and Living "No." James 1:6-8; James 4:8.

Amazing Love Demands . . .

John 3:1-17



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JUNE 23

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Program

Opening Song Service. Select songs like Psalm 99, *Love Divine*; 56, *O Love, That Did Not Let Me Go*; 112, *Immortal Love, Ever Full*.

Scripture lesson. Select some suitable, competent person to memorize this chapter and recite it distinctly and impressively. Special music, appropriate to the topic. Prayer by the leader.

Leader's talk, "Amazing Love."

Additional topics for two minute talks:

1. Why is love the greatest thing in the world?
2. How does Christian love manifest itself?
3. What people most need our love?
4. To whom is it most difficult to show our love—
To the poor where it is easy;
To the rich who very often need it most.
Or to our equals where it is very difficult?
5. How can we increase in love?
6. What effect would the reading of I Corinthians 13 (the love chapter) have upon us, if we read it every day for three months and sought to practice it?

Season of prayer and consecration. Urge every one to take part in prayer, asking God to send our His spirit upon them in such a measure that all of their hearts might be filled with love.

Closing hymn of consecration.
Mizpah.

Poster Idea

Cut a large heart out of white cardboard. Draw the outline of a cross in the center. Across the horizontal bar write "G O D." Down the vertical bar write "L O V E." The letter "O" will coincide. On either side of the cross write information about your meeting.

Our Topic

John 3:16 is undoubtedly the best known verse in the Bible. We often call it "the gospel in a nutshell." We never grow tired of hearing it, and it truly seems richer and more powerful every time we hear it. And having tested this promise, we are eager to search the whole Scripture to find more. Let us really make this lesson a Bible study.

God So Loved. God speaks the truth when He says that He created this world and man. Look at the sun and the flowers, look at man with his wonderful body and mind, and you know that only God could create them. It took almighty God to make you and me, and it takes His power every moment to keep your heart and mine ticking.

The World. God so loved the World. Not just the U.S.A., but every nation and

OUR AIMS

1. To understand God's great gift of love.
2. To assume responsibility for God's gift to us.
3. To dedicate our lives to making God's gift known.

every person of every language, in every corner of the globe. And if the true God loves everyone, we can't be true Christians unless we love everyone. God hates sin and wickedness, because sin is of the devil. So we may and should hate sin, from lustful thoughts to deeds of tyranny. But as Jesus came to save men from their sins, so we should love to see all men saved from their sins.

That is the way God proved His love for the world. He loved the world so much that "He gave His only begotten Son" . . . He, God, GAVE. Here is pure grace. Grace comes from the word "give." No true Christian will boast. He knows that his Saviour is a free gift of God. He knows, with Paul, that "all men have sinned." He knows that he, too, has "sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

His Son to Redeem. We have redemption in Christ Jesus, for Jesus is that "only begotten Son" whom God gave. God gave Him to bear our sins on the cross. Sin is a terrible thing. "The wages of sin is death," eternal death. Jesus was the only one who could bear sin for us, for He alone was sinless; He had no sin of His own punishable with death. This only begotten Son became the Lamb of God and took away the sins of the world, your sins and my sins.

That whosoever believeth in HIM should not perish. We are saved by faith alone. But each one of us must believe, and we must believe in HIM. He is the only Saviour God gave. He Himself tells us very clearly, "I am the Way . . . no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." Some think they can believe anything or in any God. But millions have been saved by Christ, and they all declare with Peter: "Neither is there salvation in any other . . ."

Jesus redeemed the whole world from sin with His precious blood. The Holy Spirit wants to persuade everyone in the world to believe that, to accept Jesus as his personal Saviour. But though many are called, few

are chosen. Many will reject Christ, and they shall perish. "He that believeth in the Son hath everlasting life, but he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Everlasting Life. If death ends all, why did God love the world so much? Why did Jesus die to save us from perishing? Or why did the Holy Spirit persuade us to believe in Christ if we are never going to see Christ face to face?

God loves us and wants us with Him. God "will have all men to be saved." The Lord is "not willing that anyone should perish." Many are going to perish because they despise the love of God; they do not love Jesus, and they do not love to tell the story of Jesus and His love. The only way anyone can defeat himself is to refuse the loving, outstretched arms of Jesus.

But whosoever believes in Jesus "shall have everlasting life." That is what makes the religion of Jesus Christ so wonderful. No other religion has that glorious hope. True Christians have no fear of death, for they shall "have everlasting life"; and that makes up for any sorrow or strife or persecution they may endure here.

We believe that Christ saved us and we gladly give our whole life in service to Him. For He has promised: "In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you . . . that where I am, there ye may be also . . . Because I live, ye shall live also."

Love Analyzed

The Bible gives us this spectrum of love, as suggested by Henry Drummond:

"Patience—'Love suffereth long,'

Kindness—'And is kind,'

Generosity—'Love envieth not,'

Humility—'Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,'

Courtesy—'Doth not behave itself unseemly,'

Unselfishness—'Seeketh not her own,'

Good Temper—'Is not easily provoked,'

Guilelessness—'Thinketh no evil,'

Sincerity—'Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.'

These make up the supreme gift, the stature of the perfect man."

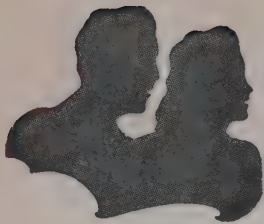
Like life, love cannot be defined, but it can be described and recognized by what it does, by its fruits.

Our Responsibility

Any gift lays a sense of responsibility upon the recipient. Isaac Watts expressed this for us: "Were the whole realm of Nature mine . . . Demands my soul, my life, my all." This is our response to the "amazing love." Classical examples of this response are Saul of Tarsus, St. Augustine, St. Francis of Assisi. Without such response, you may drift or go your own determined way. Both lead to disillusionment and disaster. Response leads to joy and salvation.

Help from the Scripture

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| M., June 17. | Constraining Love. | II Corinthians 5:14-16. |
| T., June 18. | Love Demands Obedience. | John 14:15-17. |
| W., June 19. | Love Calls for Service. | John 21:15-17. |
| T., June 20. | Love for Others. | John 15:12-17. |
| F., June 21. | Love Demands Sincerity. | Romans 12:9,10. |
| S., June 22. | Love Commands Unselfishness. | I Corinthians 13:4-7. |
| Sun., June 23. | Topic—Amazing Love Demands. | John 3:1-17. |



This Nation under God

Psalm 33:12a; Proverbs 14:34; Isaiah 26:2,3

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

Our Aim

To know what God expects of us as Christian citizens and then by His grace and power to go forth in His strength to accomplish His will for us.

For the Leader

You have the opportunity to make this a very interesting meeting. Perhaps you could secure a large map of our nations since this topic is in anticipation of Independence Day (July 4th) in the United States and Dominion Day (July 1st) in Canada. Why not put this on display and touch upon points of historical interest. Perhaps the history teacher in your local high school could help you with this subject. Flags of many nations would add interest to this meeting.

Since you ought to know something about the great leaders of the past, do a little research on the history of men who have helped our nations to advance. All of this will add to your material in the presenting of this topic. Keep in mind that the Christian Endeavor movement is world-wide and wherever its program is accepted and put into action it has a way of developing leaders.

Publicity

Prepare a poster with a map of the world on it. Encircle your nation. State time and place of meeting, also leader and topic.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Quiet Music

Call to Worship: "Mid all the traffic of the ways—turmoils without, within—make in my heart a quiet place, and come and dwell therein."

Hymn 108, *We May Not Climb the Heavenly Steeps*

Scripture Selection 18 (read responsively)
Sentence Prayers led by _____ and closed by _____

Offering and Announcements
Special Music

Leader's Presentation
First, Second, and Third Speaker
Leader's Summary

The Life Problem
General Discussion and Questions

Hymn 103, *My Master Was a Worker*
Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

From the pen of Walter Scott come these words, "Breathes there the man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said, this is my own, my native land!" Today our topic has a national scope, "This Nation under God." Wherever Christian Endeavor is found leaders will think in terms of their own nation as they unfold this subject.

Give ear to the Psalmist (33:12): "Blessed is the nation whose God is the

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. If what is taught in the public schools determines the future of a nation, what should be our attitude toward education?

2. If the lawbreaker is an enemy in our nations, what should be our attitude toward crime? If we saw a crime committed, should we "squeal"? (The code of the underworld is that it is wrong to squeal.)

3. How do state, provincial and national Christian Endeavor unions contribute to world leadership? (Tactfulness, getting along with others, cooperation.)

4. By using the blackboard, how many blessings can we write down which have come to us as nations under God?

5. What is expected of a true patriot?

Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance."

Happy indeed is that nation which walks in the light of the Word of God. Sometimes we develop the idea that because He is so far removed from the scene of operation He is not aware of us on earth. We think He has no concern for us now. We forget that as high as He is, He sees everything, and all persons and all things are naked and open before Him.

Solomon, the man of wisdom, wrote, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). How well we know that when justice is reigning in a nation it puts honor upon that nation. Vice reigning in a nation puts disgrace upon it. Sin is a reproach to any city or kingdom. It should be our duty as individuals in our nations to use our power for the suppression of vice and support of virtue.

A careful study of Proverbs 11:10, 11 will reveal that good men are generally well beloved by their neighbors, but nobody cares for wicked people.

First Speaker

Our nations need people who believe in justice and righteousness. The Bible teaches very clearly that Christians are under obligation to the government under which they live, and whose protection they enjoy. The Bible teaches that Christians, along with all citizens, are to be in subjection to rightful authority (Romans 13:1-4). Jesus taught

that His followers are to render unto the things which are God's and unto Caesar (the government) the things which are Caesar's (Matthew 22:21). Christians are not under divine obligation to obey civil authority when it means disobedience to God and a violation of enlightened Christian conscience. "We ought to obey God rather than man." For a man, a family, a nation the surest road to honor is by the way of righteousness. National righteousness is the way to international respect.

Second Speaker

Charles Haddon Spurgeon once refused a legacy of \$150,000. A wealthy resident of Leeds was so deeply impressed by Spurgeon's sermons that he willed the bulk of his estate to him, leaving various needy relatives poorly provided for. Spurgeon immediately sent for a lawyer and distributed the entire bequest among the needy relatives. The newspapers of the day, reporting this, said "Mr. Spurgeon has preached many great sermons, but none more striking than this. He would rather be just than rich."

Third Speaker

Our nations need people who honor and serve God. We believe Christ shall rule through citizenship. First, in home life. Here is the best place to begin. Andrew began in the home when he wanted to do the finest thing possible for his own brother. He introduced Peter to Jesus Christ. Second, in community responsibility. Study up on the freedoms you enjoy and do all in your power to preserve them. We ought to obey laws as good citizens and encourage respect for them. We would be unfair in not recognizing the rights of others.

Leader's Climax

To be a patriot means more than to do one's hat when our national anthems are being played. The only liberty we know is liberty under law. No one is free to do what he pleases unless he does that which is consistent with the expressed will of the people and the rights of other men. Let us fail to pray for the leaders of our nations.

Life Problem

"I am convinced that God has called me to give my life for world missions," said Jim. "but I will get behind the missionary program of my church at the home base and my utmost." Could Jim justify himself this decision?

Illustration on the Topic

The Christians were the salt of the earth in the days of the Roman Empire. We need but read in our histories of the terrible indulgences that were commonly practiced, from the emperor down, to realize that the empire would have gone to pieces much sooner had it not been for the presence of the Christians. And so it is today within our nations. True believers and followers of Jesus Christ are keeping the mass from complete corruption.

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This Nation under God

Isaiah 62:1-12; Psalm 33:12a; Proverb 14:34



Intermediate (12-14 Years) (12-14 Years)

JUNE 30

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Something to Do

1. The hymn *America the Beautiful* may be used as the keynote of this topic. It may be used in one of these ways:

- A series of dioramas, one to illustrate each stanza.
- Picture album, using illustrations from magazines, newspapers, picture post cards, and railway folders to tell the story of the hymn.
- Dramatize the words of the hymn: (1) short historical sketches for each stanza; (2) or a reader and a tableau to illustrate each stanza.

2. Illustrate—by dioramas, posters, or picture albums—the development of America during the past hundred years.

Poster Idea

Draw an outline of the North American continent, with a large cross in the center. Writing might be "U Should Attend Christian Endeavor to Consider 'This Nation under God.'"

Suggested Program

Prayer Service.

Prelude.

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:12.

Invocation: Dear Father, leader of our nation, be with us as we seek Thy ways and help us to walk in them. Amen.

Hymn 77, *America the Beautiful*.

Presentation of the Topic.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 127:1; John 10:10.

Hymn 53, *God of Our Fathers*.

Discussion of Project.

Organization of the Group for Project Work.

Discussion of Problems.

Hymn 123, *America*.

Prayer of Consecration.

O Lord, our Father, ruler of our nation and judge of all mankind, cleanse our hearts of bitterness and our souls of hate, that we may stand in Thy holy presence. Help us to find Thy ways of peace. May we come to know our country, its natural beauties and its challenges to strength and courage. Open our hearts to the friendships of its many peoples. May we see them as Thy children and our brothers. May we remember the things we have in common with them and forget the barriers which might separate us. May we do our part in making our country Christian. We ask in the name of the Son, Christ Jesus. Amen.

Salute to the Flag.

National Anthem.

Benediction.

"Two Empires by the Sea"

The makers of this topic were mindful of the heritage of sister nations—The United States and Canada. They noted the poem:

"Two Empires by the sea,
Two nations great and free,
One anthem raise,
One race of ancient fame,
One tongue, one faith, we claim,
One God, whose glorious name
We love and praise."

OUR AIMS

- To appreciate the great heritage of Christian nations.
- To sense how we can be patriotic in a Christian way.
- To serve "liberty and justice for all."

QUESTIONS

- When we sing "God Bless America," how is that blessing to be wrought? By a miracle? By Christians working God's will among men? Is it possible that the Church is the one institution through which God's blessing may come?
- Suppose we were really serious about being Christians, about being brotherly, about being concerned for our neighbors, about the infinite value of every human being. Would this be the best way to "defend" our democracy?
- Do we think democracy can be strong where people are selfish or cruel or full of race hatred?
- How can Christians be true patriots to-day?

These lines written in 1896 by George Huntington express the common heritage and mission of the United States and Canada which both observe their national birthdays within the next week—July 1st as Dominion Day in Canada and July 4th as Independence Day in the United States. These days provide an opportunity to emphasize again the truth that these two countries were established and developed by God-fearing men. The Scripture passage expresses our thought, that the nation shall be known, not for her military nor industrial might, but for "righteousness and salvation" (Isaiah 62:1).

Canada—A Growing Nation

Professor W. W. MacLaren, of Williams College, has given the following reasons for Canada's amazing material growth; Her vast natural resources, the sturdy pioneer spirit of her people, the tremendous technological progress of recent years, and the protective policy practiced by both of her political parties.

A wonderful factor in her vast financial progress is the high moral quality of her people. They are, with very few exceptions, a God-fearing people, and prayer will be universal in this land of the maple leaf on another Dominion Day, that God will continue to guide and bless this nation.

We should pray that the friendly, happy

relationships between Canada and the United States will continue. Our prayers for this will surely be answered if we hold to our common ideals.

These, as we understand them, are, first, our belief in the genuine liberty of the individual citizen; second, belief in law as the basis of change in things political; third, devotion to the light of God's Word as the sure guide for the souls of all peoples.

A Christian Outlook

We call our nations Christian. We seek God's continuous blessings on our nations. But we must expect to meet the requirements for God's goodness. Read the Scripture for this topic to understand our responsibilities. Discuss what the Bible says.

These Make a Nation Strong

1. *Natural Resources.* A proper use of a nation's natural resources contribute much toward its greatness. Our fertile fields, our large forests, our rich mineral deposits, our abundant waterfall, our mountains, our lakes, our rivers and our seasons all make their contribution.

2. *Respect for Law.* A nation is held together by its laws and governing bodies. "Obedience to law is the price of liberty." The man who has a disregard for law, whether he be rich or poor, is not a good citizen. As Christian citizens we should have a regard for all law.

3. *Active Industry.* America is a nation of great and mighty industries. Factories, mills, huge industrial plants, employing millions of our people under wholesome industrial conditions, are great assets to the prosperity of our nation.

4. *Happy Homes.* Men have well said that the home is the foundation of the nation. There is much in many homes today to give us concern, for we read about divorce and unfaithfulness. Let us do all within our power to protect the home. It is the index to the greatness of a nation.

5. *Good Schools.* Education is necessary to the prosperity of any nation. Compulsory school laws are recognized by every civilized nation. Our schools, colleges and universities are a great asset to our nation, and our public school system has contributed no little part to the greatness of our nation.

6. *Strong Churches.* Churches have always been America's greatest asset. Our early Puritan fathers came to our shores because of religious principles. We would not have had growth and prosperity were it not for the religious foundation upon which our nation stands. Let us make our churches strong spiritual centers. Reverence for God, for His Day, for His Book, for His Son, and for His Church are necessary elements to the greatness of our nation.

7. *Christian Service.* A nation is made great in the service it renders to its fellow-citizens. But this is not sufficient. A nation is made great as it seeks to minister unto other nations, especially to the weak, war-torn, oppressed nations of the earth. Our greatness today will be measured in terms of service.

For the Quiet Hour

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Winning Letters in Citizenship Contest (Continued)

Division A (Continued from Page 4, Column 1)

smoke and drink to act grown-up, that they don't have to use dope to be one of the crowd. We have a responsibility to prove to them that by being a Christian they can rise to greater heights than they have ever dreamed of.

Yes, Mr. Congressman, we teen-agers are faced with these problems and many others. We realize that we have many responsibilities to our God and to our world in accepting them. Our acceptance of these responsibilities will affect people of all nations and of all races. If we can bring Christ into the lives of non-Christians we will eventually wipe these problems off the face of the earth. It is our responsibility to let others know of Christ and of the wonderful peace He brings to those who love Him. When others learn of this there will be no communistic domination. There will be no racial prejudices. There will be no teen-age vandalism.

How we handle these responsibilities and problems will not only affect our generation, but it will affect the future generations of the world. We can pave the way to a peaceful world, but we have to train our children to follow and maintain the road of peace. Just as we have come to know Jesus Christ through our parents' guidance, so we must train our children to know Him. Only in this way can peace be truly preserved.

Just how will we handle these problems? We have many things to contribute toward solving these problems. We have education, a high standard of living, and a free government with which to work. All of these tools are worthless without Christian love, understanding, energy, and perseverance. In the hands of non-Christians these tools could become weapons of war. Therefore we Christian teen-agers must put forth every effort we have to overcome these problems that are facing us.

Yes, today's teen-agers are faced with many problems. We realize that we cannot make this a better Christian world by ourselves. Just as America's foundation is a faith in God, so we are accepting the challenge to make the foundation of the world a faith and trust in God. We are thankful for the Christian leaders of our country and pray that we might follow in their footsteps. It is with God's help that our leaders function now and it is our earnest desire that He will always help those, who like you, help govern America. Mr. Congressman, we teen-agers realize that it is only with God's help that we will be able to fulfil this challenge which we have accepted.

Yours in His service,

ELLEN LUCILLE HEACOCK

Division B (Continued from Page 4, Column 2)

because of the color of their skin, or their background, but cause they, too, are children of God.

Do not neglect practicing Christian citizenship in the home. Do we set an example by daily prayer and Bible reading, and understanding others' problems and being helpful? That is a part of Christian citizenship! If teen-agers see their parents and loved ones violate the laws of God first found in Deuteronomy they will not grow into Christian men and women who will have a strong faith in man and God.

Youth need parents who are Christian citizens but they also need friends, other young people, who are Christian citizens. Encourage participation in church activities, suggest that you and your people go to the youth centers and other such establishments for clean, wholesome recreation.

Youth must speak for Christian citizenship to keep our country a land of plenty, a democratic land where a person has the opportunity to better himself. It is our duty to speak for what we believe, so that we may keep our country free from practices that would force us into a position where our country and its people would be lacking in moral strength and firmness of character.

We, the young people of today, are the leaders of tomorrow. Where shall we lead? Shall we lead others, through the use of liquor and narcotics—through gambling, racial prejudice and negligence, to self-destruction, and eventually to destruction of everything good that God has made for us and given to us? Or shall we lead others to God by obeying the ten commandments, and following Christ's teachings? The choice is ours!

Which way will we go?

Sincerely yours,

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